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(SBU) In response to reftel message, French MFA Lebanon desk officer Thierry Vallat said March 11 that France's chief of mission in Beirut, Andre Parant, had been invited to the March 14 conference. He stated that Parant was still consulting with other EU chiefs of mission as to whether he would attend himself or send someone else to represent the French embassy. Vallat stressed, however, that Parant or someone else from the French embassy would attend. He further indicated that Paris has no intention to send anyone else to Beirut for the conference.

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